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# NEWS

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DAYTON, Ohio, October 16, 1974 --- Richard Black, instructor of fine arts at the University of Dayton was chosen to do the painting which will be used as the theme for this year's Christmas Holiday Festival in Dayton.

The Dayton Holiday Festival Committee enlisted the help of advertising agency Needham, Harper and Steers, to formulate a theme and poster for the event. The agency contacted Mr. Black to do a painting for the festival's theme, "Lights, Love and Laughter."

Black describes the painting as having two life size heads of young girls, one black and one white, looking at snow flakes. "The two girls are about 8 years old and are dressed in similar outfits--same hats, different colors, both in pig-tails. The idea was to show that there is no difference in black and white people."

The painting will be displayed all over town, on buses, department stores, banks, etc. The original painting was presented to Virginia Kettering Kampf at a press party October 15.